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1. ALUSNA TAIPEI IN DISCUSSIONS WITH ROCN ACTING CHIEF OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE APRIL 19 CONFIRMED INFORMATION REPORTED IN REFS B AND C THAT ROCN HAS NO RPT NO SHIPS OF ANY DESCRIPTION OPERATING IN SPRATLEYS AND DID NOT RPT NOT PARTICIPATE IN ALLEGED SEIZURE OF PUGAD. REF B CLEARLY STATES QUOTE NO ROCN SHIPS ARE STATIONED IN THE SPRATLEYS AND ROCN SHIPS NORMALLY DEPLOY TO THE SPRATLEYS ONLY DURING RESUPPLY/TROOP ROTAION OPERAIONS WHICH OCCUR EVERY THREE MONTHS. THE MOST RECENT SUCH DEPLOYMENT OF TWO LST'S, ONE PF AND ONE DE, RETURNED TO TAIWAN FROM A SPRATLEY RESUPPLY MISSION ON FEBRUARY 15, 1975 UNQUOTE. EMBASSY HAS NO REASON TO QUESTION ROCN INFORMATION ON ABOVE POINTS.

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2. FYI: IN COURSE OF CONVERSATION OF APRIL 19, CITED PARA ONE, ROCN SOURCE TOLD ALUSNA THAT ROC FORCES ON ITU ABA SIGHTED A SVN PF ON APRIL 17 PATROLLING IN THE VICINITY OF NAMYT ISLAND (NAMYIT

IS WITHIN VISUAL RANGG OF ITU ABA). ROCN FURTHER
BELIEVES TBWO ISLANDS SOUTH OF ITU ABA (SAND CAY AND
NAMYAT) ARE STILL OCCUPIED BY SVN FORCES. ROC FORCES
ON ITU ABA HAVE BEEN DIRECTED BY ROCN HC TO KEEP A
CLOSE WATCH ON THESE TWO ISLANDS; TO DATE ROCN HAS
TAKEN NO RPT NO OTHER ACTION.

3. IN INTEREST OF KEEPING CINCPAC FULLY INFORMED,
DEPT. MAY WISH TO REPEAT THIS AND RELATED MESSAGES
TO CINCPAC (AND DIA). UNGER

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